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## R. R. SURVEYS

### Two Parties of Engineers in This County.

Surveys Being Made in Lawrence County, the Object of Which Can Not Be Ascertained.

Two parties of railroad engineers have been at work in this county during the last three weeks. Their movements have caused much speculation among the people as to the meaning of the work.

One party has been over a route practically the same as the one surveyed several months ago from Webbville to Blaine and into Magoffin county, and the work is under the charge of the same engineer. The information obtained and published about that at the time indicated that a Canadian company owning extensive and valuable mineral lands in Breathitt county was having the survey made with a view of getting an outlet for its coal. The purchase of the Eastern Kentucky railway was said to be a part of the plan.

The other party of engineers has been at Fallsburg for about two weeks, working on two or three routes from that place. Nothing can be learned about the object of this survey or who is having the work done. A survey made a few years ago demonstrated the feasibility of a railroad route north and south via Fallsburg. That survey left the river at Ashland and came back to it at Louisa.

### Badly Overworked.

The word "prominent" is the worst overworked word in the English language. Let a fellow die was not known outside his home precinct and who didn't own enough ground to be buried on, and the penny-a-liner for the daily papers at once writes him up as a "prominent farmer." Seat!—Times-Democrat.

You're way off. "Perfesser" can give prominent cards, spades and big casino and beat it out. The moment a young man gets a third class, second grade certificate to teach school he begins calling himself "Professer." Every corn doctor, dog trainer, and sideshow barker is a Perfesser. The one honored title is so worn and abused that those who are really entitled to it are ashamed to bear the title. Get out!

### Two Bridal Couples.

Two couples of newlyweds from the Big Sandy valley came down on O. & N. B. train No. 29 last evening—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wheeler, of Paintsville, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hinkle, Jr., of Richardson. They registered at The Ventura, and remained here until this afternoon, when they left for a honeymoon trip East.

Their baggage, upon its arrival last evening, showed plainly that the owners thereof were newlyweds, as the trunks were decorated in the most approved fashion with old shoes, ribbons, and placards—Ashland Independent.

### Pardons Refused.

Governor Willson has refused to pardon John Bowman, Boyd county, sentenced for life for burglary under the habitual criminal act and Galen Row and Dick Bradley, Floyd county, sentenced for two years for manslaughter.

### In the Oil Field.

There is nothing new to report from the Louisa oil field. Work on six wells is going along as rapidly as possible. Another month should tell a good deal more about the field than is now known.

### Kotton Candy.

Stop at the Eldorado theatre and see the latest novelty. Louisa is up to snuff and up to the minute. The making of cotton candy is an interesting process worth going to see.

### Seriously Injured.

A young man named Tackett was brought to Riverview hospital last Sunday, suffering intensely from an injury received at the lumber camp of the Prendergast Co., on Pigeon Creek, Mingo county, W. Va. He was caught between two logs on Friday last and horribly crushed about the hips and pelvis. He was in very bad shape when he was received and the prognosis was anything but favorable. He had evidently not received proper care, but he is now resting pretty well, and the outlook is much better. He is about 20 years old.

### A Piece of Vandalism.

The NEWS remembers that it noted the fact that Mr. A. M. Campbell had surrounded his residence with a handsome iron fence. It now regretfully records the fact that a few nights ago some vandal or vandals greatly marred the beauty of Mr. Campbell's fence by twisting and bending the inner curved pieces of the uprights entirely out of shape. This was a bit of pure devilry, malicious mischief without cause or shadow of excuse. Anyone found guilty of this or in any way injuring property should get the limit of the law.

### In Favor of the Contestees.

The contested election cases which occupied the time of the Boyd Circuit Court so long were dismissed by order of Judge Halbert last Friday, thus awarding a victory to those whom the certificates of election had been granted, namely, Ed S. Hughes, county clerk; John Wurts, county judge; George W. Calvin, sheriff, and J. M. York, justice.

Ed S. Hughes is a brother of Postmaster A. M. Hughes, and formerly resided in Louisa.

## THE CITY COUNCIL

### Met in Regular Monthly Session Last Tuesday Night.

City Council met in regular monthly session on last Tuesday night. The mayor being absent on account of sickness R. L. Vinson was chairman pro tem. Among other things done the city marshal and the street light man were allowed their monthly salaries.

It was ordered that tiling be put in near the M. E. church, South, so as to make a better carriage approach to the church.

The much discussed—and cursed—question of to sell or not to sell on Sunday, and what's a necessary of life and what is not was left to the judgment of the city marshal.

The waterworks people having said they would furnish the liquid it was decided to put in four public watering troughs for the use of all who may want to use them. One will be placed near the foot of the town hill, one near the head of Lock avenue, one near the Louisa end of the bridge and one other at some proper point. The improvement committee was authorized and instructed to purchase the troughs and have them erected. This action on part of the council meets the approval of all who care for the comfort of horses and other draft animals. In dry, hot weather water is not abundant on some of the roads leading to Louisa, and as a consequence many a poor animal driven along these roads suffers intensely.

### The Proceeds Were Large.

The supper given by the ladies of the South Methodist Church last Friday evening was decidedly successful, socially, financially and gastronomically. It was largely attended, the receipts exceeding expectations, and the viands served were excellent.

Miss Carrie, daughter of Chas. Salzer, now living in Pittsburg, has recently suffered a relapse after having partially recovered from a ten weeks spell of illness. She first had typhoid fever. Her condition is very critical.

### Vinson-McClothlin.

Miss Hermia Vinson, of Glenhays, W. Va., was married on Monday, May second, to Traber Henderson McClothlin, of Rush, Boyd county, Ky. The marriage occurred at the residence of K. F. Vinson, the bride's father, and the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. William Jarrell, the venerable grandfather of her who is now Mrs. Traber Henderson McClothlin.

The bride was most becomingly dressed in a tailor made suit of tan broadcloth, with hat and shoes to match. She is a very pretty young woman, and in her bridal garb she was handsomer than ever.

The wedding feast was, in the language of a guest, all that heart could wish. Mr. and Mrs. McClothlin left on No. 15 over the N. & W. for Pritchard, and from that point they went to their home on East Fork, Boyd county, where, let us believe, they will live long and be happy.

### Move to Prosperity.

John D. Rose, of Lacy Creek, is experiencing a whole lot of hard luck here lately. A few weeks since he lost a fine setter bird dog; then he had a calf fall over a bank into the creek and drown, and Friday night he had four mules run away with the result that three of them were badly cut up, the best of the bunch being the worst hurt.—Hazel Green Herald.

Mr. Rose seems to be in a rather hard way, but if he really wants to bloom in style he should move onto Frank Evans' place, out at Prosperity. All sorts of things there, like Jonah's gourd, spring up in a night.

### Our Property Raised by State Board.

The personal property and real estate of Lawrence county have been raised by the State Board of Equalization. The raise is fifteen per cent in all. This is deemed an excessive raise and an effort will be made to have it reduced to reasonable figures. Accordingly the County Court has appointed T. S. Thompson and W. T. Cain a committee to appear before the board, and they left Thursday morning for Frankfort and will endeavor to have the board's valuation lowered.

### From Far Idaho.

W. S. Bellomy, writing from Park, Idaho, says it does his soul good to get the NEWS, and that to read the Hubbardstown letter seems like home. He further writes that R. H. Bellomy and family and H. E. Skeens are well. The snow there is nearly all gone except in the heavy timber, where it is about two feet deep.

### Washington Briefs.

Representative Bennett said that former Representative Samuel J. Pugh, of the Ninth district, had entered the field for the Eastern District Attorneyship. Mr. Bennett has endorsed Judge Howard, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wheeler, of Paintsville, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hinkle, of Lawrence county, two newly wedded pairs, are here on their wedding tour.

### Poetry and Essays Not Wanted.

The NEWS appreciates the kindness of its correspondents and others who contribute essays and poems for publication, but, really, the paper is compelled to leave out every week articles of interest because there is no room for them. What the NEWS wants from its correspondents is the live news of the localities in which they live, nothing else.

### Advertised Letters.

Harm Akers, John Gibson Brown, Sam Castle, Peter Collins, Druse Eddy (2), Mrs. Bettie Gordon, Lou Grose, Mrs. Jessie Harris, J. A. Waterson, T. J. Miller, Willie Nus, America Ratcliff, Miss Mary Swim, A. M. HUGHES, P. M.

### Wedding in Louisa.

On Saturday, last, Spencer Perkins, aged 72, and Mary Saxton, aged 40, were married in the office of Green Skaggs, the Rev. H. B. Hulett, officiating minister.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

### Young Man Sent to the Pen for Burglary.

Dave Marcum Gets Verdict for \$2,000 Against the C. & O. for Injuries Inflicted by Cyclone.

The spring term of the Lawrence Circuit Court continues its sessions and may not close until next week. The cases now being tried are ordinary and equity, the Commonwealth docket having been finished on Saturday. The Dr. Marcum case was continued on the showing made by the defense that his leading counsel, John S. Marcum, of Huntington, was not able to be present.

Illegal retailers of liquor caught it very heavily this term of court. One distiller, Charles Plantery, of Webbville, in other respects a good citizen, and always an honest, straight man, has cried "enough" and will go out of business. His fines and the costs amount to over a thousand dollars, which he paid.

Judge Hannah is doing much to stamp out the liquor traffic in this county. In one case recently the Commonwealth had made out a case beyond any reasonable doubt, but the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The Judge set it aside as not being according to the law and evidence and gave the jury some pretty straight talk. The eyes of jurors were opened regarding evidence, and from that time on the doses were heroic.

All of Tuesday and part of Wednesday were consumed in the trial of the Dave Marcum case against the C. and O. railway. This was one of the "cyclone" cases growing out of the action of the storm of Sunday, April 7, 1907, when it blew a handcar off the track near Two Mile, on which were Dave Marcum and several others. Marcum alleged severe and lasting injury and sued the company for \$2000, and the jury gave him all he sued for. This was the second trial.

On Saturday the grand jury made its final report and was discharged. The indictments returned by the late jury are sufficient in number to go over the whole State of Kentucky, that is, the jury found 119 true bills, which, if so distributed, would be sufficient for every county. These indictments embrace almost every offense known to law, from a breach of the peace to murder.

Young Lambert, who robbed the store of Arthur Preston, at Graves Shoals, pleaded guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the jury which tried him. This fact and his youth caused him to receive the lowest penalty, one year in the penitentiary.

Thursday was taken for a hearing of the case of Arthur Preston against the C. and O. railway company, for damage caused by the burning of plaintiff's barn. This is the second trial of this case and it was going on when this paper went to press.

### To the Man Who Borrows.

Wouldn't it save you money in the end if you subscribed for yourself? Think of the time you waste in borrowing the paper? Think of the helpful articles you miss. More than that, remember that every added subscription helps to make the paper better for everybody.

The paper does a lot of things for you, when you come to think of it. You can well afford to show your appreciation by adding your name to the subscription list.—Warren (Pa.) Mail.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, held the regular monthly meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. James Carey. After the dispatch of the business of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

Passenger train No. 39 was delayed here several hours Monday on account of a broken engine.

### Hiawatha Entertainment Called Off.

Because of a great deal of work necessary to fit the College Auditorium for use, and it not being possible to get it done within the short time before school closes, it will be impossible for the drama "Hiawatha" to be given, as was stated last week. Much regret and even disappointment is expressed by both myself and the players, since a great amount of work had been done in preparation for the play, before it was made known that the stage could not be finished. It is hoped that by another year all barriers of this kind will be removed and that work in the Expression department will not be retarded. Harriet E. Rees.

### Will Apply For Pardon.

Earl E. Dudding, the Huntington merchant, who was recently convicted of murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years in the Criminal Court of Cabell county, has made application for pardon. The application for clemency is based upon the bad health of Dudding, who, since the killing of his uncle, Ira F. Chapman, has been a nervous wreck. His trial consumed several days, and the Court refused to set aside the verdict. After Judge Doolittle, of the Circuit Court, had refused a new trial, Dudding gave up hope and made application for a pardon.

### Arrested in Virginia.

David Stanley, murderer of Geo. W. Dotson, at Prestonsburg, Floyd county, several weeks ago, and for whom there was a reward of \$400, has been arrested just beyond the border line, in Wise county, Virginia. Stanley is said to have made a fierce resistance, but at length gave up. He will be taken to Prestonsburg to stand trial.

## MURDER IN MINGO.

### Amos Hatfield Killed Doc Mounts in Self Defense.

Amos Hatfield, nephew of old "Devil Amse" Hatfield, Sunday shot and killed "Doc" Mounts, a constable at Lindsey, in Mingo county, the shooting being the result of a fight over a woman's love, both men being aspirants for the affections of Jane Lusby, of Lindsey. Hatfield, it is said, had sent word to Mounts that if he didn't keep away from the girl he would kill him on sight. Mounts sent word back that if Hatfield did kill him he would have to draw quicker than he ever had before.

The men met Sunday afternoon, and at sight, Hatfield, who is a crack shot, pulled his gun. Two shots rang out in quick succession and Mounts fell dead, both bullets piercing the heart. Mounts was a constable, a nifty man, quick on the trigger, but he never had an opportunity to get his gun.

Amos Hatfield has been tried a number of times for highway robbery and murder in Mingo county, but has in some manner always escaped conviction. The entire community is aroused by this, his latest crime. He is still at liberty and it is thought that any attempt to arrest him will result in a desperate battle.

LATER—Hatfield killed Mounts, but upon an investigation of the affair it was shown that he did it in self defense and he was acquitted.

### A Correction.

Pikeville, Ky., April 30, 1910. Dear Sir:—Your issue for April 29th, had a clipping from the Enquirer of Cincinnati in regard to a "Hospital in Kentucky Mountains," at Elkhorn City, (postoffice Praise), erected by a Deaconess of the M. E. Church. As there is no hospital there of course the paragraph is faulty. Dr. Booth is the only resident physician there and he is equipped to perform ordinary operations. "Truth."

Judge Halbert has ordered a special term of the Boyd Circuit Court, beginning July 11 and continuing three weeks.

### Remember the Bazaar.

On Friday and Saturday of this week, day and evening, the ladies of the Baptist church will have a Bazaar in the storeroom adjoining the Snyder hardware store, for the sale of various fancy and useful articles in hand—embroideries, fancy and cook aprons, shirt waists, dressing jackets, etc. Besides these wearables, eatables and drinkables of exquisite taste and flavor will be served during the continuance of the sale. The News assures its readers that they will be sorry if they fail to visit and buy on the occasion mentioned. Lovers of good things and pretty things will find that which will appeal to them very strongly and their taste for such things can be gratified at reasonable cost. Don't fail to help a good cause.

### A Bad "Spell" of Measles.

They are not only having a bad spell of measles up in Knott county, but the disease itself has caused some curious manifestations. This is what the Hindman News-Record says of it:

"The measles are still raging; they are all over the county and adjoining Counties. The doctors say they are the worst ever known."

"Miss Armelda Combs, the daughter of Anderson Combs, who has been attending the Mountain Training School, Claims to have had a vision, in which she was told she was going to take the measles and just live two days. She seems to be troubled over the vision to such an extent that she has went home to die."

### PIKEVILLE, KY.

May 3, 1910.—Judge A. J. Kirk reconvened court yesterday, which had been adjourned over from the 18th of last month. The grand and petit juries are said to be the best selection made in years. Judge Kirk delivered his usual wise and excellent instructions to the jury and the outlook for this term of court has every prospect of being a great success.

Hon. J. M. Roberson, jurist and author of Roberson's Criminal Law, received a message yesterday reading this wise, "We were married at six o'clock this morning at Owensville. Forgive us, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fuller." The bride in this case is Miss Nona, the youngest of the three beautiful daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson. She had accompanied her sister, Mrs. J. Norman Blake to her home in Huntington, for a visit a week ago and the family knew nothing whatever of her matrimonial intentions, but were expecting her home every day. The groom is the handsome and polished young "lightning slogger," who was in charge of the telegraph station here last winter. The family has no objection to the bride's choice but that did object to the suddenness of things and of being taken unawares and the scene at the Roberson home all yesterday afternoon was like unto a funeral. The family all in tears. They are surely forgiven and will be so informed as soon as their whereabouts is learned. Miss Nona is very popular here as was also the groom and they have the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Hon. Walter S. Harkins, of Prestonsburg, is a distinguished court visitor here. A vagrant band of gypsies and mixed breed Indians is camped on the common above College street and are scooping in lots of loose change, telling fortunes, etc. There are many little children among them. More's the pity, when one thinks of their vagabond and filthy existence. Their tents are as filthy as ill-kept pig pens.

T. G. Parker is closing out his vast stock of millinery at cost and there is now a big rush sale on there in charge of Miss Grace Cina. Miss Nellie Bevin is quite indisposed we are sorry to learn. A message has been received from Evangelist Holcomb announcing that he will begin his series of revival meetings here Monday May 8th. The meetings will be held in the rink at lower extremity of Second street.

Mrs. Rebecca Fortner, widow of Aaron Fortner, died at her home near Gallup Sunday. She was about 80 years old.